Index Number of Workers' Earnings

489. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the index number of money earnings and real earnings of workers earning Rs. 1000 or more per month, year-wise from 1986-87 to the 30th September, 1989; and

(b) the ratio of growth or decline in percent in the real earnings of worker's during this period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b). The indices for All India Per Capita Daily Earnings are available only upto the calender year 1985. These figures include workers who are the receipt of monthly wage upto Rs. 1600/-.

Figures are as under:

Year	All India Per Capita daily earnings		Percentage rise in real earnings
	Money earnings	Real earnings	Over previous year.
1983	28.00	28.00	—
1984	31.53	29.19	4.25
1985	34.06	29.88	2.36

Construction of Talcher-Sambalpur Railway Line

490. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Talcher-Sambalpur railway line has been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) by when the construction work of said line is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The construction work on the Talcher-Sambalpur new BG line is in progress.

Special Central Assistance for Components Plans for Scheduled Castes

491. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of instalments of special central assistance for implementing special component plan for Scheduled Castes have been released to different States and Union Territories in 1989-90;

(b) the total amount received by different States and Union territories under each instalment?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a). So far, Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan for 1989-90 in two instalments amounting to Rs. 172 crores has been released to 24 States/Union Territories.

(b) The Budget allocation of Special Central Assistance is Rs. 180 crores. This has been reduced to Rs. 175 crores. Out of Rs. 175 crores, Rs. 172 crores has already been released to 24 States/Union Territories. Details may be seen in the Statement attached [*See* below]. The remaining amount is under release.